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Decision of Government on the report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

*523 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision on the report from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on the resolution passed in this Council on 24th January 1928 to appoint a committee to investigate into the schemes of the high flood channel from the Kistna beginning from Mulapadu;

(b) whether a committee has been appointed; if so, what the committee did; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representations that the ryots concerned are prepared to make some contribution towards the cost of the schemes?

A.—(a) & (b) The Chief Engineer submitted a report at the end of July last. The gist of it was that the levels which had been taken showed that the scheme in the form suggested was impracticable, but that it might be possible to evolve some satisfactory scheme if correct gaugings of the flow of the Kistna river above the Bezwada anicut were taken for three years. The Government have issued orders asking the Chief Engineer to apply for a special staff to gauge the river flow at several places. As the gauging season for the present year is nearly over it is proposed to include provision for the cost of this establishment in the next year's budget. Until the gaugings are taken, no definite conclusion is possible.

(c) Yes.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know why as yet a committee has not been appointed in pursuance of a resolution of this House?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The reason has been given in the printed answer, Sir. Further, we want to know whether the scheme is possible from the engineering point of view."

Land Assignment

Assignment of lands to ex-military men in Nellore district.

*524 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of men recruited from Nellore district for military service during the Great War;

(b) how many of them have applied for a grant of land, either by themselves directly or through their relatives or heirs;

(c) how many of the applicants have been so assigned lands till now;

(d) how many cases are still pending assignment;

(e) the terms on which recruitment was made, especially in respect of the grant of land; and

(f) whether those conditions as to grants of land have been completely and without reservation or differentiation adhered to at the time of assignment of lands; or whether the Government have been changing or modifying the rules from time to time; and if so, in what manner or in what instances?